

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A device and method for manipulating an optical data storage disc, such as a compact disc or a digital videodisc. The device has at least one flat semi-flexible padded surface. The flat padded surface is inserted under the optical data storage disc, while it is in a storage casing, sleeve or tray. The optical data storage disc is then gripped using the device, wherein the flat padded surface is biased against any functional surface of the optical storage disk and the optical storage disc is protected from physical damage or contamination.